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SUBJECT: REMARKS OF PRIMIN MULDOON AT DEDICATION OF WELLINGTON
CHANCERY

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF REMARKS MADE BY PRIME MINISTER
MULDOON ON OCCASION OF DEDICATION OF NEW CHANCERY,
JULY 3, 1977.

QUOTE YOUR EXCELLENCY, YOUR WORSHIP, AND DISTINGUISHED
GUESTS ALL. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM AN OFFICIAL TOUR
OVERSEAS AND ARRIVING BACK AT A TIME WHICH ENABLES ME TO
MAKE TODAY'S SIGNIFICANT OCCASION MY FIRST PUBLIC
APPEARANCE AFTER RETURNING GIVES ME VERY SPECIAL PLEASURE
INDEED. I REGARD IT SOMEHOW AS A GOOD OMEN: I HAVE
COME, IN EFFECT, AS PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, TO
THE HOME OF A GOOD FRIEND OF OUR COUNTRY.
IT WILL NOT BE TOO LONG BEFORE I AM IN THE UNITED
STATES TO VISIT PRESIDENT CARTER. I AM SURE THAT ONCE
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AGAIN I WILL THEN EXPERIENCE THAT FEELING OF FRIENDLI-
NESS WHICH I SENSE HERE TODAY AMONG AMBASSADOR SELDEN
AND HIS STAFF.

OUR TWO NATIONS, ONE THE GREATEST AND MOST POWERFUL
OF THE DEMOCRACIES, AND MY OWN, WHICH HAS MORE THAN ONCE
DEMONSTRATED ITS RELATIVE GREATNESS BY SACRIFICES IN

A COMMON CAUSE, HAVE MUCH IN COMMON. WE ARE BOTH YOUNG. WE FACED SIMILAR PROBLEMS OF CREATING A MODERN STATE OUT OF COMPARATIVE WILDERNESS. OUR PIONEERS, MOST OF THEM IN THE EARLY DAYS OF COMMON STOCK FROM BRITAIN, FACED HARDSHIPS OF A MAGNITUDE THAT PEOPLE TODAY MAY FIND HARD TO ENVISAGE. THE UNITED STATES BECAME A HAVEN FOR HUNDREDS UPON HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM THE OLD WORLD WHO SOUGHT A NEW LIFE AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. NEW ZEALAND, IN LATER YEARS, ALSO DREW SETTLERS FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. BOTH HERE AND IN THE UNITED STATES MEN AND WOMEN WERE JUDGED BY WHAT THEY DID, NOT WHO THEY WERE. IT WOULD BE IDLE TO PRETEND THAT INEQUALITIES DID NOT RESULT OR THAT THEY DO NOT PERSIST, BUT LARGELY THEY ARE THE PRODUCT OF THE SUCCESS OF ONE MAN AS MEASURED AGAINST ANOTHER. AT THE SAME TIME, THE UNITED STATES MOVED EARLY TOWARDS ADJUSTMENT OF THE HARDSHIPS WHICH RESULT FROM INEQUALITIES AND NEW ZEALAND, AS A MODEST PIONEER IN THIS DIRECTION FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF THIS CENTURY, DREW MUCH FROM THE EXAMPLE OF THE AMERICANS. AND I BELIEVE THAT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT CARTER PROGRESS TOWARDS GREATER SOCIAL JUSTICE WILL BE CONTINUED WITH RENEWED IMPETUS. AS A YOUTH AND AS A YOUNG MAN HE KNEW WHAT IT WAS TO WORK HARD AND, IN THE PROCESS, HE LEARNED MUCH ABOUT OTHERS LESS BLESSED THAN HE WITH NATURAL ABILITY, ENERGY AND A DETERMINATION TO SUCCEED. IT IS GOOD THAT ANY NATION BE LED BY A MAN

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WHO HAD NO EASY ROAD TO THE TOP.

WE HAVE OTHER COMMON PROBLEMS IN THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC FIELDS WHICH FIND EXPRESSION IN DEMONSTRATIONS AND THE LIKE. HERE ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE A SIMILAR APPROACH IN THAT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION WITHIN THE LAW, INDEED TO THE UTMOST TOLERANCE OF THE LAW, IS PERMITTED. I AM REMINDED OF THE LATE RELPH HANNAH (BEGIN EMBASSY COMMENT: FORMER N.Z. ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSIDERABLE LEGAL REFORM IN 1960'S. END EMBASSY COMMENT) WHO SAID THAT A DOG'S GOT TO HAVE FLEAS, OTHERWISE WE WOULDN'T KNOW THAT HE'S A DOG. BY CONTRAST IN SOME OTHER COUNTRIES IT IS MET WITH REPRESSION, SOMETIMES INHUMAN AND BRUTAL.

THE LINKS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NEW ZEALAND GO BACK MUCH LONGER THAN IS GENERALLY REALIZED, AND THEY HAVE BEEN EQUALLY MORE SUSTAINED AND CONTINUOUS THAN IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE. OCCASIONAL AMERICAN WHALING SHIPS CALLED AT THE BAY OF ISLANDS DURING THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY. FROM 1835 THEY ARRIVED IN RAPIDLY INCREASING NUMBERS TO JOIN THE WHALE FISHERY ESTABLISHED THERE SHORTLY BEFORE. IN THE PEAK YEAR, 1839, THE AMERICAN

CONSUL, JAMES REDDY CLENDON, ENTERED 62 AMERICAN SHIPS AS VISITING THE BAY OF ISLANDS. THERE IS NO RECORD OF THESE HAVING OCCASIONED ANY DEMONSTRATIONS. SOME AMERICAN WHALERS WERE CALLING AT NORTHER PORTS UNTIL THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. JAMES REDDY CLENDON WAS A REMARKABLE MAN. BORN IN DEAL, KENT, IN 1801, HE BECAME A MERCHANT AND SHIPOWNER AND BEGAN TRADING TO NEW ZEALAND ABOUT 1828. AROUND THIS PERIOD HE AND HIS BROTHER, GEORGE, ALSO MADE TRADING VOYAGES TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE GEORGE SETTLED PERMANENTLY. GEORGE'S SON, THOMAS, HOWEVER, SETTLED IN NEW ZEALAND MUCH LATER. JAMES REDDY CLENDON BOUGHT LAND AT OKIATO, BETTER KNOWN AS OLD RUSSELL, IN THE BAY OF ISLANDS, AND SETTLED THERE IN 1832. HE EXERCISED MORE POWER IN THE SO-CALLED "ALWLESS UNCLASSIFIED

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THIRTIES" THAN THE BRITISH RESIDENT, JAMES BUSBY.

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WHEN THE FRENCHMAN, BARON DE THIERRY, CLAIMED NEW ZEALAND AS HIS KINGDOM, CLENDON SUPPORTED BUSBY'S EFFORTS

TO FORM A CONFEDERATION OF MAORI CHIEFS AND WITNESSED
THE MAORI DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. HE WAS
APPOINTED AMERICAN CONSUL IN 1839, HOLDING OFFICE
UNTIL 1841. THIS DID NOT PREVENT HIM GIVING THE FULLEST
ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNOR WILLIAM HOBSON IN NEGOTIATING
RECOGNITION OF BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY AND HE WAS ONE
OF THE WITNESSES OF THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF WAITANGI
ON FEBRUARY 6, 1840. WHEN, IN MARCH 1840, IT WAS
DECIDED TO FORM A TEMPORARY CAPITAL AT THE BAY OF ISLANDS,
CLENDON'S PROPERTY WAS SELECTED AS THE MOST
SUITABLE SITE. THERE WERE PROBLEMS OVER THAT, TOO, BUT
LIKE THOSE WHICH AMBASSADOR SELDEN MENTIONED CONCERNING
THIS THEY WERE RESOLVED. I'VE HEARD TWO VERSIONS OF
THAT PARTICULAR INCIDENT, MR. MAYOR AND MR. AMBASSADOR,
TONIGHT, AND ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL TELL YOU A THIRD.
CLENDON BECAME AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF
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NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM 1840 TO
1844. DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF JAMES REDDY CLENDON AND OF
HIS NEPHEW, THOMAS, ARE TODAY LIVING IN AUCKLAND AND IN
WELLINGTON, AND IN THE HUTT VALLEY.

I APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR SELDEN'S REFERENCE TO THE FACT
THAT THIS NEW CHANCERY WILL ACCOMMODATE THE UNITED
STATES DELEGATION TO THE COMING ANZUS TALKS. THESE TALKS
WILL AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE IT CLEAR HOW DEEPLY
WE VALUE OUR COMMITMENT TO ANZUS AND OUR GRATEFUL
RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT A GREAT POWER LIKE
THE UNITED STATES IS THE LINCHPIN OF THE ALLIANCE.

LIKEWISE, I TAKE TO HEART HIS REFERENCE TO BEEF, AS
TENDER A SUBJECT AS THE NEW ZEALAND PRODUCT ITSELF.
WE PRESS OUR CASE ON BEEF STRONGLY WITH OUT GIANT ANZUS
PARTNER BECAUSE IF WE ARE TO BE MILITARILY STRONG,
RELATIVE TO OUR SIZE, WE NEED THE MILITARY HARDWARE.
TO BUY THAT, WE MUST EARN MORE AND MORE FROM EXPORTS AND
WE ENTERTAIN THE HOPE THAT EVEN IN THE HARD, COLD WORLD
OF TRADE AND THE NEED EACH COUNTRY HAS TO PROTECT
ITS OWN PRODUCERS, REGARD BE HAD TO THIS EXTRA CONSIDERATION
I MENTION. SO MUCH FOR "BEEFING", AND ON TO OTHER THINGS.

I WAS IMPRESSED BY THE AMBASSADOR'S DESCRIPTION OF WHAT
THIS CHANCERY IS AND DOES. I WOULD LIKE TO SINGLE OUT
ONE ELEMENT OF IT -- THE INFORMATION AND CULTURAL
SERVICES. HERE THESE ARE WITHIN A FEW MINUTES STROLL OF
THE CENTER OF THE CITY -- AVAILABLE TO ALL. TO THOSE
WHO FEEL THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE UNITED STATES, OR
AMERICANS, I SAY "COME HERE AND LEARN." DON'T FORM
YOUR IMPRESSIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA REPORTS WHICH, TOO

OFTEN, ARE DEVOTED TO THE LESS HAPPY EVENTS WHICH OCCUR
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IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, AND HERE, TOO.
ONE OF OUR EARLY PREMIERS, SIR WILLIAM FOX, VISITED
THE UNITED STATES THREE TIMES DURING THE INTERVALS BETWEEN
OCCUPYING THIS HIGH OFFICE WHICH HE HELD FOUR TIMES.
HIS CHIEF INTEREST SEEMED TO BE IN THE MAINE EXPERIMENT
IN LIQUOR PROHIBITION. HE WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED ARTIST
IN WATER COLORS AND EXERCISED HIS CONSIDERABLE TALENT
WHEREVER HE WENT.

BECAUSE OF PREMIER FOX'S EARLY ASSOCIATION WITH THE
UNITED STATES IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT ON THIS HISTORIC
OCCASION I SHOULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE CHANCERY ON
LONG-TERM LOAN HIS WATER COLOR OF WASHINGTON, D.C.,
AS VIEWED FROM GEORGETOWN IN 1853. THE PAINTING IS
FROM THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COLLECTION IN THE
ALEXANDER TURNBULL LIBRARY, WELLINGTON, WHICH HAS
GLADLY MADE IT AVAILABLE. (PRIMIN UNVEILS PANTING.)
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